



INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1288]

Certain Playards and Strollers; Notice of Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on November 24, 2021, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Graco Children's Products Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia and Wonderland Nurserygoods Co., Ltd. of Taiwan. A supplement to the complaint was filed on December 13, 2021. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain playards and strollers by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,706,855 ("the '855 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 9,414,694 ("the '694 patent"); U.S. Patent No. RE43,919 ("the '919 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 6,979,017 ("the '017 patent"). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute. The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000.

General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Mullan, Office of Docket Services, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-1802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2020).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on December 20, 2021, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-20 of the '855 patent; claims 1, 2, 4-20 of the '694 patent; claims 8, 10-12, 14-20, 27, and 28 of the '919 patent; and claims 1-6 of the '017 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “foldable child containment systems, generally known as playards, including those with a bassinet and/or an infant support unit in different configurations; and foldable strollers”;

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is:

Graco Children's Products Inc.

6655 Peachtree Dunwoody Road

Atlanta, GA 30328

Wonderland Nurserygoods Co., Ltd.

Rui Kwang Road, No. 433, 10th Floor, Neihu,

Taipei, Taiwan 114691

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Baby Trend, Inc.

13048 Valley Blvd

Fontana, CA 92335

Dongguan Golden Prosper Baby Products Co., Ltd.

Unit 1, No. 10 Lengshuikeng Road,

Huang Feng Ling Industrial Park, Luo Ma

Village, Qing Xi Town,

Dongguan City, Guangdong, China, 523660

Sichuan Hobbies Baby Products Co., Ltd.

Sandaoqiao Industrial Park,

Longchang City, Neijiang,

Sichuan, China, 642150

Anhui Chile Baby Products Co., Ltd.

No. 1, 9th Road,

Feidong Xincheng Develop Zone,

Anhui Province, China, 231600

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating as a party in this investigation.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 FR 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainants of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: December 20, 2021.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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